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Chief Executive Officer

REDESIGN PLANS FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY MUSEUM OF ART AND ITS IMPACT TO LA BREA TAR PITS

On August 20, 2013, the Board requested the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and the Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA) to present at the Board meeting of September 24, 2013, a status of what is being proposed relative to the redesign plans for LACMA, as well as how the new construction may affect the La Brea Tar Pits and adjacent vegetation; requested the president of the Natural History Museum (NHM), and Administrator of the Page Museum to be present; and instructed the Executive Officer of the Board to place the presentation on the agenda as a set matter.

Our Office met with Michael Govan, Director of LACMA and Jane Pisano, President of the NHM. This meeting was to review the site topography and conceptual plans for the proposed redesign of the LACMA campus. The meeting was cordial and cooperative, and the two museums agreed to meet to work out a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to govern how they will work together collaboratively throughout the planning process.

It is important to note that this proposed redesign of the LACMA campus is a very long process, and is by no means a done deal. Once the concept is ready, it needs to be presented to LAMCA's Board for approval, before coming to your Board for consideration.

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We will continue to work with each museum on the MOU to ensure that their concerns are addressed and to prepare for the presentation to the Board on September 24, 2013. Please let me know if you have any questions, or your staff may contact Santos H. Kreimann at (213) 974-1186 or via email at skreimann@ceo.lacounty.gov.

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